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Metropolitan King County Council, District 9

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Mr. Dean Logan, Director
Records, Elections & Licensing Services
500 4th Avenue, Room 553
Seattle, WA 98104

Subject: KC REALS website--posting of social security numbers

Dear Mr. Logan,

I received your response on June 23rd, 2006.

It is unacceptable to place the burden of removal of a person's social security number on that person alone. We must take action as a County Government to remove or redact this information immediately.

As a former federal prosecutor, I can tell you that identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States. It is easy to perpetrate and causes enormous damage to the victim when his or her identity is stolen. I predict that the vast majority of citizens who have personal information online are unaware of this problem. We must take steps to inform the public in a responsible way and to correct this problem.

Please immediately set to work on a process to remove this information. Doing nothing is the worst thing we can do. We may not have a legal obligation (which I am looking into), but we certainly have a responsibility as a government to protect our citizens and their privacy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 206.296.1009..

Regards,

Reagan Dunn
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